A LETTER

Sent from the STATES of

HOLLAND

TO

The Right Honorable, the Lord Major of the City

OF

LONDON,

Concerning

A most horrid Conspiracy of Treason, against the *King* and *Kingdom*; and a Discovery of the new counterfeit *English Gold*, the manner of their coining the same, and the full worth and value of each piece.

The proceedings of the Prince of *Wales* in *Holland*, and the *Declaration* and *Proposals* of his Councell of War, which way to dispose of the Navy, and to send them either to *France*, *Scotland*, or *Ireland*.

Also, a bloudy fight in *Yorkshire*, divers killed upon the place, 200 taken prisoners, and Duke *Hamiltons* Letter to *Scotland*.

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The Right Honorable the Lord Major of the City of *London*, concerning a moſt horrid Plot of Treaſon againſt the *King*, and *Kingdom* of *England*.

And a Letter concerning the Prince of Wales.

Right Honorable,

HEre hath lately happened ſome diſputations between his Highneſſe the Prince of *Wales*, and the Nobility, in relation how to diſpoſe of

of the Navy, and the Grandees have had some consultation thereupon, in order thereunto for disposing of the said Fleet, not thinking themselves or ships in so good a posture, or usefull a way where they are, because, they conceive, if they should plunder the *London* Marchants, they should incur the displeasure of the *Metropolis*, and for the future receive no succour or relief from thence, but receive gratification by a power of opposition.

Besides, the Lord high Admirall at Sea may be upon the back of them before they be aware, the wind serving now to carry them from the Downs.

This businesse took up some time in debate thereof and at last came to these results.

Divers of the Councell, as Prince *Maurice*, and others, declared at the Councell table, That they conceiv'd it most necessary and requisite, to weigh anchor, and steer towards the kingdom of *France*, delivering severall reasons, wherein it tended most for the safety of the Navy, and the advancement of their Soveraigns Cause, if the Treaty took not effect.

The Lord *Willoughby*, and others, moved for the North.

But Capt. *Batten* presseth much for *Ireland*, and its conceived his Proposition will be assented to; which indeed, is the place of greatest danger for *England*, and the most eminent place to advance the Cause of the Royall party.

The Lord *Inchiquin* being master of the field with a very considerable power, and (in all probability) will be ready to comply and joyn with the Prince; for it is generally reported here, that the Navy is invited

vited thither by ſome great Ones, and that they have a deſign to joyn with them againſt *England*; Their chiefeſt aym were firſt at the United Provinces, to levy forces, being promiſed great matters; but finding ſuch an unwillingneſſe amongſt the Netherlanders to ingage againſt *England*, they have changed their reſolution, and within few days will ſayle from *Goree*.

Hague 18. Sept. 1648.

A Meſſage from the States of Holland, *to the Lord Major of* London

THE States of the United Provinces having received ſeverall complaints of the lightneſſe of the Engliſh Gold, and the corruptneſſe thereof, uſed all means poſſible to find out the ſame, and after a diligent and private ſearch, diſcovered the ſame; whereupon they forthwith reſolved to ſend a meſſage to the Lord Major of *London*, which were to this effect, *viz. That they had already found in* Holland *in Engliſh Gold ten thouſand pounds ſterling, and that the value of each piece did not amount to above* 3 s. 1 d. *yet the Ring pure Gol..*

What will be found in *England*, time will ſhew, this the Lord Major's care finds out, and divers are apprehended; if the Net take not leſſer fiſh, and let go the great ones, its well. This treaſon (in ſo high a nature againſt *King* and *Kingdom*) deſerves condigne puniſhment, according to Law.

Letters from the North ſay, that col. *Bethel* with his horſe and foot hath ſtormed Scarbrough town, killed 28, and took 200 priſoners, with the loſſe of 7 men.

Bloudy

Bloudy Newes from Westmerland, declaring the proceedings of the Royall party in the City of Carliſle, and their ſallying out into the Country.

SIR,

On Friday laſt they ſallied out of the City with a conſiderable party of Horſe and Dragoons, marched ſome few miles up into the Country, fell to their old trade of plundering, and had gathered great ſtore of cattell in a heard together; who even in the nicke of time as they were driving them away, a party of Major Gen. *Lanberts* Horſe, came in to the Countries aſſiſtance, fell upon the Scots and Engliſh Cavalry, reſcued the cattell, and put divers of the enemy to the ſword, killing above 30 upon the place, and took neer upon as many priſoners, with the loſſe of eleven men, 5 ſlain, and 6 wounded.

The reſt of their Body retreated, and the night approached, which much eclipſed the ſplendor of our Victory, and our horſes being tired, and the wayes difficult, could not maintain the purſuit no further, ſo that they are now marching up to the head-quarters of Lieu. Gen. *Crumwell*, their Major Generall being likewiſe marching towards the Borders of Scotland with 3000 horſe, as alſo col. *Whites* and col. *Hackers* going after him with all ſpeed from the ſiege of Pontefract.

The Lieul. Gen. is likewiſe marching towards the Borders, and hath ſent the Biſhoprick horſe commanded by *Major Sanderſon*, and another of his own Regiments by the way of *Anwick*, to diſſipate the Engliſh

liſh Enemy about *Barwick*, commanded by Sir *Thomas Tildſley*, and to fight them, or force them to a retreat; and we hear that they have lately fallen upon ſome of their out-quarters five miles on this ſide *Chillingham*, killed ſome, and took divers priſoners, and have allarm'd the reſt, who (we hear) are uſing all means poſſible to eſcape their mercy, and deſire to move Weſtward, but it is believed, col. *Lamberts* Forces will interpoſe between them and *Carliſle*, and fruſtrate their deſign of joyning with the Lord *Byron* in *Wales*.

Monro is retreated into Scotland with all the Scots both Horſe and Foot, the Lord *Lanerick* is joyned with him with the additionall Forces, conſiſting of about 3000. who upon their march towards *Edenburgh* to the committee of Eſtates, received intelligence, that the ſaid committee were all forced from thence, the caſtle ſurprized by old Gen. *Leven*, and that the *Marq. of Argyle* with a great Army were entred the city; whereupon they changed their motion, and is now marching towards the Weſt of Scotland; but Lieut. Gen. *David Leſley* having notice thereof advanced with a conſiderable party of horſe, fell upon the Lord *Lanericks* Briggade, and diſperſed moſt of them.

Lieu. Gen. *Cromwell* is reſolved to ſend ſummons to Scotland for ſurrender of the Engliſh Garriſons to the obedience of the Parliament of England, and to have a mutuall correſpondency between both Nations, which is the earneſt prayers of

[redacted] *Your moſt oblieged friend,*

Richmond 18. *Sept.* 1648.

R. SMITH.

Duke Hamiltons *Letter.*

Brother, It hath pleaſed the Lord to ſhew me favour in this ſad condition I am in; firſt, by teaching me with humility to his will. Secondly, by moving the hearts of thoſe to whom I am a priſoner, to uſe me with great civility, as this Bearer can ſhew you, for which I render thanks to my Creator; and deſire you if it be in your power, you may acknowledge the ſame: in perticular to my Lord *Grey* and Mr. *Peters*, by whoſe meanes I now have liberty to ſend unto you, to the end I may be provided of ſome money for my ſubſiſtance, during the time of my impriſonment, or till it ſhall pleaſe God otherwiſe to diſpoſe of me I have no more to ſay, but that you will look to what hath befaln my ſelf, and the army under my conduct, as a work of God, to whom my prayers are, that there may be no more effuſion of bloud, and that you may be inſtrumentall in that, is the earneſt deſire of

Your affectionate Brother,

Aſhby-de-la-zouch 12. Sept. 1648.

HAMILTON.

For the Earl of *Lanerick.*

FINIS.